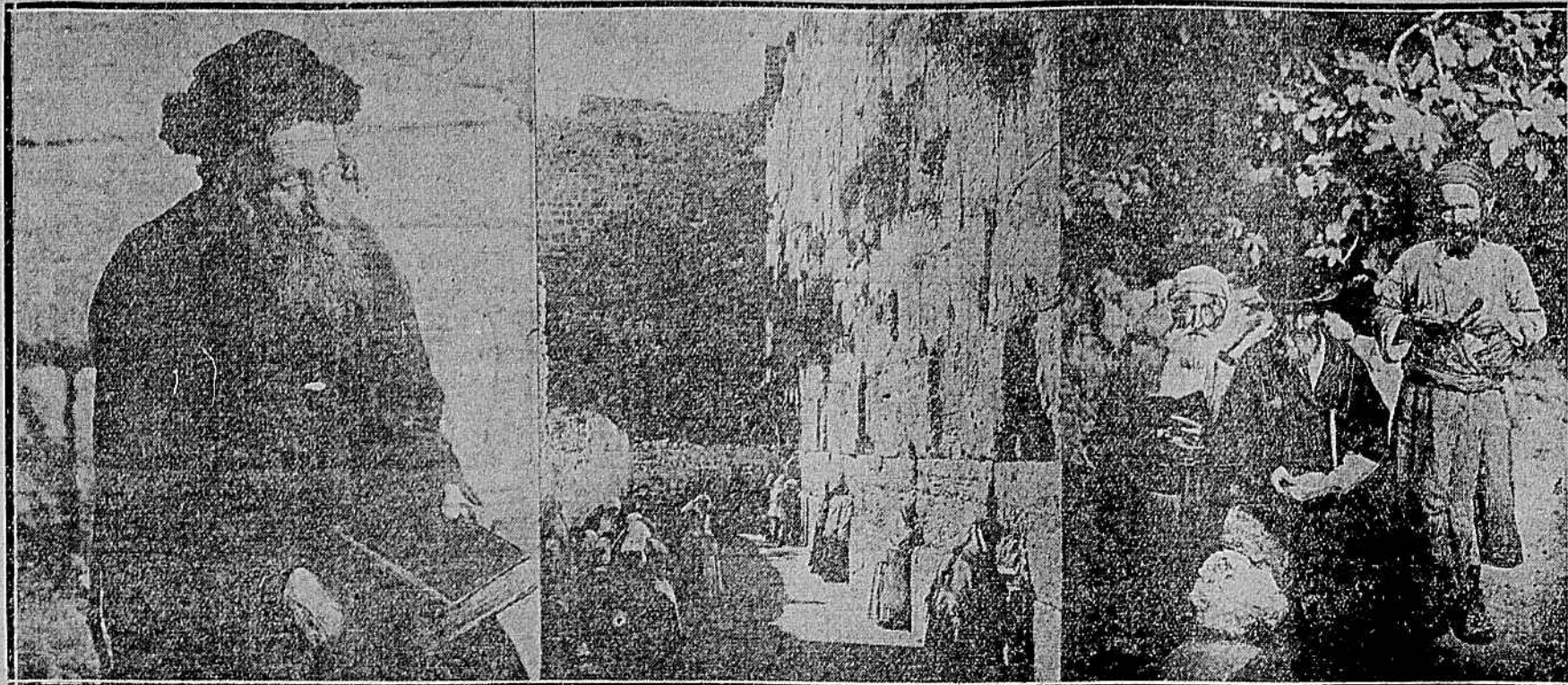


# Jews of Jerusalem--How Israelites Are Retaking Holy City--Visit to Jewish Quarter and Its Cave-Like Homes



A JERUSALEM RABBI.

BY FRANK G. CARPENTER.

The Jews are rapidly coming into their own. This Holy city now contains more than 60,000 of them, and they form over two-thirds of its whole population. By the new constitution of Turkey they have acquired the right to own land in Palestine, and they can come and go as they please. This has not been the case until now. Jewish immigration has been prohibited, and such Jews as bought real estate have had to purchase and hold it under other names. This was so not only here, but all over the country. But, notwithstanding they acquired land, and I am told that some of the best farming properties of the plains of Sharon are in their hands, and that they own the most valuable business sites of Jerusalem. The new constitution gives them other advantages, and it is probable that they will rapidly increase in number and wealth.

**The Jews of the Holy Land.**  
The Jews of Palestine are not like those of America. They have a costume of their own, and come from so many different localities that it is not always possible to tell who they are. Among them are Persians, Spaniards, Russians, Bohemians, Poles and Germans. There are many Algerians and Moors, and I have seen some from Abyssinia and Egypt.

They speak forty different languages, and there are many whom the others cannot understand. In the main there are three different classes. First is the Ashkenazim, made up of Jews from Russia, Poland, Austria and Germany. These people are much like the lower class Jews of America, and their common languages is Yiddish. The second class is the Sephardim. They are Spanish Jews, descendants of those who came here centuries ago, and Jewish. The third class is the eastern Jews made up of Israelites from Syria, Persia, Arabia and central Asia. They speak Arabic and look much like Moslems.

**American Citizenship a Cloak for Fraud.**  
As to the American Jews, they are comparatively few, and it is seldom that you meet one that has been born in America. Those who claim to be such are chiefly natives, who have gone to the United States to get their naturalization papers, and then returned here to live. Many of the latter are frauds, and our consul believes that some of them have bought their naturalization papers, and have never been out of the country. A valuable badge of protection in the hands of the Sultan; and for this reason naturalization papers have again been sold by returned Jews who have again left this country. Said our consul to me:

"Our citizenship has been used to carry on fraud. When I first came here I found it serving as a cloak for crime. One man who claimed to be an American was acting as receiver of stolen cattle, and selling them openly. He carried on a big business, and he bought the stolen cattle from the thieves. The American consul, who was aware of his criminal practices, they could not arrest him. This was so because of a difference between our government and that of Turkey.

"The treaties provide that the offenses of Americans against Turks may be punished only by the American consul, and we contend that this gave us the right of trial in such cases. The Turkish government contended that all such offenders must be tried in



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the Turkish courts, and as neither government would give in it was impossible to convict and punish without bringing about international complications. As soon as I came I decided to stop it, and told the man I would arrest and convict him by means of American witnesses. The result was that he did not wait for trial, and skipped out of the country."

**A Pious Race.**  
As far as I can learn the American Israelite does not stand high among his fellows of Jerusalem. The most of the Jews here pride themselves on their piety. They think themselves above the Jews who have suffered long contamination by mixing with foreigners, and they especially despise the American. Meeting one on the street they may slap him on the stomach and sneeringly ask how much pork he ate when he was in the United States. In this I refer to the fanatics, who are composed more especially of the Spaniards and the members of the Ashkenazim. These people have inner circles of religious aristocrats, some of whom are supposed to have magic powers of healing. Among them are many men of education and culture, men who know the Bible from beginning to end, and who speak several languages. One can tell nothing of the Jerusalem Jew by his dress, for a dirty, ragged old man is often a scholar.

**Long Hair and Headdress.**  
And still, the dress here is about the same among all classes of Israelites. The boys and men wear coats without belts, which reach from the neck to the feet. They are full and are slightly open at the front, showing gowns under them. Many of the Spanish Jews wear black turbans or velvet caps, with a wide brim and a tassel. Some wear broad-brimmed felt hats, which come far down over the forehead, half hiding the ears. They do not shave, and a long beard

is a sign of wisdom, dignity and piety. They wear the hair long, and each has a long curly lock on each side of his face, in front of the ears. These locks often reach down to the breast, and are allowed to grow, according to a saying in the Scriptures, which states:

"Thou must not mar the corners of thy beard."

Many of the Jews never cut the hair in front of the ears for fear of touching the beard, and I see boys with the rest of their heads shaved and those two earlocks left.

These Jerusalem Jews have fine faces. Many of them have high foreheads, strong noses and mouths and beautiful eyes. Some are fair and others have olive complexions. Their hair is of all colors from jet black to blonde and fiery red, and there are many old men with beards of silver.

**A Good Place to Die.**  
Indeed, the most of the Jews of the Holy City are old men and old women, many of whom have come here to die. Jerusalem is to the Jews what Benares is to the Hindus. They hold a superstition that this city is on the direct road to heaven and that they must come here in order to attain the latter place. I am told that many of the Jews of this city believe that if they should die in other lands they will be dragged under the earth through the globe to the Mount of Olives, where the resurrection is to take place. There is a Jewish cemetery on the side of the Mount which contains thousands of tombs, and it is said that soil from that spot is sent all over the world in order that it may be put in Jewish coffins. Not a few of the old men who live here have left their businesses to come. Some have given their foreign estates to their sons and relatives, and receive allowances from them. Not long ago

one such came to the American consul, and said he would like to leave some money to found a synagogue in Jerusalem. He looked dirty and ragged, and the consul asked what he had to leave. He replied that he owned under other names six good houses in Jerusalem, and that themoney from these had been saved out of an allowance of a thousand dollars a year which his son in New York had been sending him.

**How the Jews Keep the Sabbath.**  
The Jews of Jerusalem are far more particular as to the observance of their religion than are the Jews of America. There are more than one hundred synagogues in this city, and in all of these worship is held. I have attended many of the services and find the churches usually full. The men read Hebrew aloud. They come in their best clothing, and some of the old men are gorgeous in rich gowns of velvet and silk.

The Sabbath here begins Friday night, and it does not end until six o'clock Saturday. The beginning is just as soon as the stars can be seen Friday, after which no work of any kind must be done. Neither fire nor lamp may be lighted, and the most of the people light their lamps before the dark comes and gentles to come to come in at bedtime and blow them out. The meals for the Sabbath are all cooked beforehand, and if there are any hot dishes they must be cooked by the Gentiles.

The orthodox Jew will not carry a bucket, an umbrella or even a baby on the Sabbath day. I have just heard of a boy who was given a new suit of clothes Saturday; his Sabbath. The gift was made by one of the American colonists, and the most of the people there watched to see how the boy could keep his religion and still carry them home. He pondered some time, and finally put the clothes on and wore them, thus escaping the sin of carrying them on God's holy day.

Speaking of cooking, the Jews here are so particular that all their meat should be killed and dressed according to their religion that they have a slaughter house of their own. Indeed, they kill all the cattle of Jerusalem, serving the Gentiles free of charge, in order that there may be no danger of sinning by eating animals improperly killed. The city abattoirs are on the road to Jericho across the valley of Jehoshaphat, on the southern slope of the Mount of Olives. The cattle are killed there and then are carried up by the Jewish rabbi. They are then killed and skinned according to the regulations, and the meat is stamped by the rabbi before it can be exposed for sale in the city. A special stamp is placed on all that supplied to the Jews, and such meat, charged to say, bring about twice as much per pound as that sold to the Gentiles.

If the meat is good to eat it is known as kosher. If not killed according to the regulations it is called tair, and no Jew will touch it. The killing is done by the rabbinical butcher, who cuts the animal's throat with one stroke of the knife, going just deep enough not to touch the bones. The regulation provides not only that the meat must be healthy, but that no bone must be scratched, cut or broken, and if the butcher's knife slips and cuts off a bit of bone, even though it be no thicker than a sheet of this paper, the whole carcass is regarded as bad and as fit only for the Gentiles. The Jews eat cattle and sheep, but they will not touch the meat of pigs or game. Said one of the sportsmen of Palestine to me:

"If the Jews ate game they would clean out our partridges and other birds in season. But as it is, there

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is always good shooting."

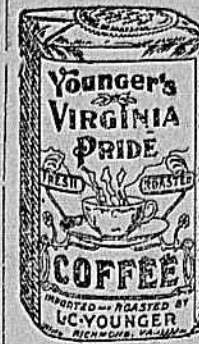
Most of the Jews here will not eat the hind quarters, of any animals, and the hind legs and loins are sold to the Gentiles. The Spanish Jews say those who eat pork will be damned, but they get around eating rump steak by pulling out the white sinews or scraping off the red particles of the meat and making what we know as Salisbury steaks from them.

**In the Jewish Quarter.**  
The Jewish quarter of Jerusalem is confined to the southeastern section of the city. It is near the great platform on which Solomon's Temple stood and inside the Dung Gate. It is a dirty, squalid, poverty-stricken section, and is inhabited chiefly by beggars. A large part of the Jews here are mendicants, who live on the alms sent in by Jews from outside. At fixed hours of the day bread is given away at certain places and the people come for it in crowds. There are funds which are supplied at regular intervals to those who need them, and much of the population is supported in this way. They might be called educated paupers, for many of them are able to read, and it is their chief business to live without working. Many of these people are desperately poor. I visited a number of the houses, finding whole families living in a cave-like room no larger than a hall bedroom, and lighted only by a door at the front. In such dwellings the floors and walls are of stone, and about the only furniture is the beds, which are for the grown-ups of the family. The children sleep on the floor. The kitchen is often on a porch outside the house, and the water comes from a cistern in which is a well or cistern. This well may be used by a half-dozen different families, and its surroundings are unsanitary to an extreme.

On the door posts of each of these dwellings, whether it be of one room or more, is tacked up a roll of white parchment six inches long. This contains the name of Jehovah and the Ten Commandments. Every Jew here wears the commandments tied upon his arm under his coat, and some have phylacteries about their foreheads.

**Wailing the Loss of the Temple.**  
It is on the corner of the Jewish quarter, just below the Mosque of Omar, where Solomon's Temple once stood, that the Jews come weekly to sorrow over the loss of Jerusalem and pray God to give the land back to them. The custom has been observed since the middle ages, and it is still celebrated every Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. It takes place in a narrow alley surrounded by miserable houses. One side of this alley is walled with great blocks of limestone, which form a part of the temple area. Against this wall about fifty men and women were leaning when I visited the place last week. They had their heads bowed, and many of them shook with emotion as they prayed, sobbed and wailed. The most of them were old, and the long, curly locks which fell down in front of their ears were of silver. Others were just in their prime. There were also young men

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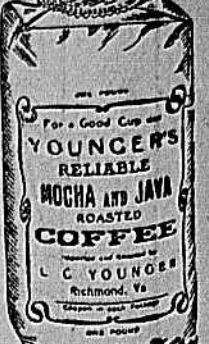
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and young girls. Not a few of the male mourners wore European clothes, and I saw one woman wailing in a hat and gown of Parisian construction. Most of the women, however, were dressed in Jewish costume with shawls wrapped around their heads.

Each of the mourners had a book in his hand and read the Lamentations of Jeremiah, swaying back and forth as he did so. Now and then the whole party broke out into a chant, a gray-haired rabbi acting as leader and the rest coming in on the refrain. The substance of one of the chants was as follows:

"O Lord, we pray Thee have mercy on Zion.  
Gather the children of Jerusalem together!  
May the kingdom soon return to Zion!  
Comfort those who mourn over Jerusalem.  
And let the branch of Jesse spring up in Zion!"

**Schools and Hospitals.**  
The Jews of the Holy Land are liberal in their gifts to the Jews of Palestine. They have established schools and hospitals in and about Jerusalem, and have agricultural colonies scattered over the country. These colonies already comprise 5,000 members, and they own something like 100,000 acres of land. Some are in Galilee, some in Judea and a very large one is not far from the seaport of Jaffa.

The latter is known as the Rishon le Zion. It supports a village of 500 people, who cultivate 2,000 acres of rich vineyards and orchards. This colony annually makes millions of gallons of wine and it has a large export of Jaffa oranges. It was founded by the Rothschilds and afterward managed by the Hirsch colonization fund. It is now said to be run at a profit. The other colonies are similar to it, and some of them nearly as large. Each has a school, a drug store, a hospital and a synagogue.

The Sir Moses Montefiore colonies and schools here at Jerusalem are doing good work, and the French-Jewish Society, which has 1,000,000 members, is now maintaining 143 schools, including manual training schools for girls and boys. If the students do well they are given a capital to start out with and are established in little shops of their own. In some of these schools the children are so poor that they are furnished one meal a day, and one suit of clothes every year.

In addition to the above there are

many other sources from which money comes here. There is one fund collected from the synagogues of the United States, which is regularly sent from New York to the Holy Land. It is contributed to by Jews all over our country. I understand that there is some question as to whether this fund is as well managed as it should be, and it is said that our consul has been asked to investigate its distribution. There are 80 many Jews here that the greatest care should be taken that the money sent should reach the right parties. (Copyright, 1910, by Frank G. Carpenter.)

## Reidsville Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Reidsville, Va., Oct. 29.—Mrs. T. L. Vaughn, of Winston-Salem, N. C., has been on a visit of several days to her mother, Mrs. Hall, on Piedmont Street.

Mrs. Joseph Landry, of California, a citizen of Reidsville for a number of years, is here on a visit to relatives and friends. J. B. Bailey, Jr., who will spend a few days to his mother, Mrs. Kate Bailey, at Virginia Street.

J. D. Bivins, of the Stanley Enterprise, came over last Saturday night with Mrs. Bivins to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Staples. Mr. Bivins returned Monday morning, but Mrs. Bivins will remain some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Hanes, after a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., returned Saturday last.

Miss Jessie Brannock, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rascoe, returned to her home in Burlington, N. C., this week.

Dr. Jesse Eldridge, of Greensboro, N. C., visited friends here Saturday and Sunday last.

## Malvern Hill Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Malvern Hill, Va., Oct. 29.—J. A. Clark, Jr., of Hordens, left on Monday for Philadelphia, Pa., where he will spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. Robert C. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Saunders, of "Upper Shirley," and their cousin, John Mitchell, of East Orange, N. J., have returned from a visit to the family of T. U. Wilcox at Bel Air. While there they attended the big tournament held at Providence Forge on Tuesday.

Miss Edith Dutro, of New York City, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hugh T. Harbison, here.

John E. Mitchell, Jr., of East Orange, who has been visiting relatives in this neighborhood, left this week for his home.

Rev. Lorenzo D. Vaughan will preach his farewell sermon at Westover Church on Sunday morning. Mr. Vaughan has accepted a call to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at Herndon, Loudoun county, and will leave about the first of November.

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